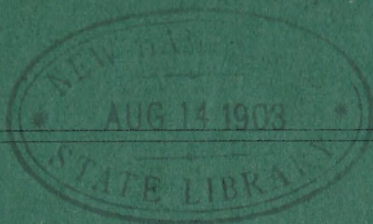


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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SWANZEY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 17, 1864.

KEENE:

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

WE, the undersigned, Selectmen of Swanzey, beg leave to submit the following Report :

APRIL INVOICE, 1863.

Total valuation, including polls,	\$571,888 00
Rate per cent. on one hundred dollars,	1 32
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	\$7,548 92
Fraction gained in computing tax,	3 14
Non-resident highway tax,	72 17
Tax assessed on School District No. 11,	245 47
“ “ “ 80 male Dogs,	80 00
“ “ “ 7 female Dogs,	14 00
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Total amount put in Collector's hands,	\$7,963 70

RECEIPTS, 1863.

REMAINING IN THE TREASURY AT THE CLOSE OF LAST REPORT.

Cash,	\$1,520 72
Note signed by James Wilson,	30 00
“ “ Bartlett & Holbrook,	31 00
Balance of Taxes for 1861,	41 57
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	\$1,623 29

BORROWED.

March 3, 1863, Nancy M. Leach,	\$225 00
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April 1,	"	John Withington,	130 00
" 11,	"	Mrs. Wm. H. Knight,	200 00
" 16,	"	Geo. W. Abbott,	1800 00
" 21,	"	Luke Ellor,	200 00
" 29,	"	L. N. Howes,	100 00
May 8,	"	Luke Ellor,	300 00
Oct. 9,	"	Henry Starkey,	300 00
Oct. 19,	"	Alcista Bryant,	116 00
" "	"	Luke Ellor,	107 00
Nov. 15,	"	Franklin C. Whitcomb,	157 50
Nov. 30,	"	Laura Holbrook,	500 00
Dec. 1,	"	Nathan Winch,	1562 50
" 10,	"	John Stratton,	300 00
" 29,	"	Savings Bank, Keene,	2000 00
" 30,	"	Almira Sawyer,	75 00
" 29,	"	Benjamin Pierce, payable at Ash- uelot Bank,	4000 00
Jan. 2.	"	Benjamin Pierce, payable at Ash- uelot Bank,	3000 00
			—————\$15,073 00

RECEIPTS CONTINUED.

Whole amount of money Taxes assessed for 1863, including the non-resident Highway Tax, and School-House Tax in Dist. No. 11,			\$7,963 70
Wm. C. Belding, Collector for 1862,			126 89
State R. R. Appropriation,			54 97
" Literary Fund,			126 09
" Aid Soldiers' Families,			3480 21
Sale of the old Slate Bridge,			16 50
Sale of old bridge plank,			1 50
Sale of Grass in cemetery,			8 00
County for support of Andrew J. Underwood, up to July 31, 1863.			124 04
			—————\$3,938 20

DISBURSEMENTS.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Wm. C. Belding, Collector for 1862,		\$40 00
J. Parsons, Selectman	" "	121 00
S. Faulkner,	" " "	108 93

H. Abbott, Selectman for 1862,	98 75
A. S. Whitcomb, Town Clerk, "	48 80
E. Howes, Treasurer, "	15 00
A. A. Ware, Superintending School Committee, 1863,	25 00
Geo. Whitcomb, Sexton,	66 00
F. R. Peters, Constable for 1863,	22 00
J. G. Huntley, Services and Expenses procuring Volunteers, under Call of Oct. 17, 1863,	56 38
V. A. Holbrook, Sexton to June 5, 1863,	56 75
B. F. Lombard, Town Agent, 1862,	14 00
D. Parsons, Wm. Read, and D. H. Holbrook, Bridge Committee, 1862,	46 50
	<hr/> \$1,719 61
Paid State Treasurer State Tax,	\$1,482 30
Paid County Treasurer County Tax,	1,133 12
	<hr/> \$2,615 42

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Parsons & Hills, balance due for building Slate Bridge,	\$1,017 75
Wm. Read, for Earth used on highway,	1 50
Geo. H. Moore, Snowing Christen Bridge,	2 50
Grove Bidewell, Repairing Road in Dist. No. 11,	13 37
J. D. Ware, Repairing Bridge in Dist. No. 15,	11 00
L. Taft, for Spikes used about culvert near the steam mill,	1 41
A. & M. A. Thompson for Lumber for Bridge in Dist. No. 13,	6 61
Hiram Underwood, Plank and Timber for Bridge in Dist. No. 4,	11 00
D. H. Holbrook, for Bridge Plank,	34 67
Roberts Hovey, making new Abutment and cov- ering with stone the bridge near J. W. Starkey's,	101 00
Alfred Britton, Stone Railing at Slate Bridge,	70 00
Faulkner & Colony, Bridge Plank used in Dist. 4,	5 49
Nahum Perry, Lumber and Labor on Road in Dist. No. 18,	10 35
John Sparhawk, for Labor on Road in Dist. 18,	3 50
Asa Healy, for Labor on Road in Dist. 13,	6 88
Wm. C. Belding, Snowing and Repairing Bridge	

in Dist. No. 15,

4 50

\$1,301 53

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.	Asa C. Hemingway,	\$89 19
" " 2.	Luther S. Lane,	159 28
" " 3.	Albert G. Read,	69 75
" " 4.	Leander Page,	68 44
" " 5.	George H. Moore,	120 54
" " 6.	Clark Baley,	64 06
" " 7.	Geo. W. Faulkner,	85 10
" " 8.	John H. Sparhawk,	86 24
" " 9.	Chiron Holbrook,	84 02
" " 10.	Wm. C. Belding,	129 29
" " 11.	Obed Holton,	176 55
" " 12.	Jonanathan Jackson,	44 03
" " 13.	Henry Starkey, Jr.,	118 26
		<hr/> \$1,286 75

Leonard Whitcomb, School House Tax in Dist.

No. 11,

\$242 55

Uncollected in said District,

2 92

\$245 47TOWN BOUNTIES TO DRAFTED SOLDIERS OR THEIR
SUBSTITUTES.

Lyman C. Deeth,	\$300 00
Aaron Lebouveau,	300 00
George Jackson,	300 00
Henry Hill,	300 00
Asa C. Hemingway,	300 00
Obed Holton,	300 00
Menzies E. Stratton,	300 00
Benjamin F. Mead,	300 00
William W. Starkey,	300 00
	<hr/> \$2,700 00

TOWN BOUNTIES TO VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS UNDER THE
CALL OF OCTOBER 17, 1863.

Samuel Rockwood,	\$400 00
Charles R. Applin,	300 00
John L. Meserve,	300 00
Alonzo D. Sumner,	300 00
John A. Colby,	300 00

William Read,	350 00
William Eastman,	300 00
Michael Farrel,	570 00
Harvey Thompson,	600 00
John Baker,	610 00
Thomas Smith,	610 00
Frank Canavan,	610 00
John Stewart,	610 00
George Perkins,	610 00
George Davis,	610 00
Thomas Karney,	615 00
Sexton W. Williams,	300 00
	<hr/> \$7,995 00

STATE AID TO SOLDIERS' FAMILIES. (3 YEARS MEN.)

Samuel Rockwood, from Feb. 28, '63, to June 1, '63,	\$24 00
Elliot Wright, from Feb. 28, '63, to April 12, '63,	11 73
Gardner Wheeler, from Feb. 28, '63, to Feb. 28, '64,	144 00
Chas. N. Sebastian, from Feb. 28, '63, including back pay,	167 20
Geo. W. Robertson, from Feb. 28, '63, to Nov. 18, '63,	79 46
Lowell W. Darling, from Feb. 28, '63, to May 1, '63,	21 00
John A. Breed, from Feb. 28, '63, to Feb. 28, '64,	144 00
Amos E. Cummings, fr. Feb. 28, '63, to Feb. 28, '64,	105 00
Luther Smith, from Feb. 22, '63, to Feb. 22, '64,	96 00
Wm. Sebastian, Jr., from Feb. 22, '63, to Mar. 1, '64,	99 13
B. P. Lamson, from Feb. 22, '63, to Mar. 1, '64,	98 13
E. W. Reynolds, from Feb. 22, '63, to Feb. 12, '64,	93 33
Chas. G. Gilmore, from Feb. 22, '63, to Mar. 1, '64,	98 13
Chas. H. Gove, from Feb. 22, '63, to Mar. 1, '64,	138 13
Willard E. Thatcher, from Feb. 22, '63, to July 3, '63,	35 20
William Stone, from Feb. 22, '63, to Mar. 1, '64,	49 06
Edward Sebastian, Disabled Soldier,	48 00
Carlos Quinn, " "	48 00
Samuel Rockwood, from Jan. 1, '64, to Mar. 1, '64,	24 00
Isaac Starkey, from Feb. 15, '63, to Mar. 1, '63,	8 00
Amasa Davis, from Feb. 22, '63, to Feb. 22, '64,	144 00
Calvin Greenleaf, from Feb. 28, '63, to Dec. 17, '63,	77 07
Chas. R. Applin, from Feb. 26, '63, to Feb. 26, '64,	96 00
Samuel Mattoon, from Feb. 22, '63, to Feb. 22, '64,	144 00
Charles Barber, from Feb. 22, '63, to Sept. 1, '63,	63 20
John S. Thayer, from Feb. 22, '63, to Feb. 22, '64,	96 00

George P. Ward, from Feb. 22, '63, to Feb. 22, '64,	48 00
Cyrus W. Stanley, from Feb. 28, '63, to Feb. 28, '64,	48 00
Henry P. Read, from Feb. 28, '63, to Feb. 28, '64,	156 00
Charles Quinn, from Feb. 17, '63, to May 18, '63,	30 60
Elbridge Prentice, from Oct. 21, '62, to Feb. 21, '64,	192 00
Joseph Cross, from June 3, '62 to Mar. 3, '64,	84 00
Philo Applin, from Feb. 28, '63, to Oct. 30, '63,	72 00
Henry S. Applin, from Feb. 28, '63, to Feb. 28, '64,	144 00
Samuel Heard, from Mar. 3, 1863, to June 3, '63,	24 00
Luther Beal, from Feb. 13, '63, to May 13, '63,	36 00
Harrison R. Ward, from Feb. 22, '63, to Feb. 22, '64,	144 00
Lincoln Whelock, from Feb. 22, '63, to Feb. 22, '64,	48 00
Franklin C. Whitcomb, fr. Mar. 3, '63, to Mar. 3, '64,	48 00
A. W. Tupper, from Feb. 22, '63, to Feb. 22, '64,	96 00
Franklin Burbank, Feb. 22, '63, to Feb. 22, '64,	48 00
Leonard S. Holden, from Sept. 22, '62, to Feb. 22, '64,	68 00

(NINE MONTHS' MEN.)

Richard R. Ramsdell, fr. Feb. 23, '63, to July 23, '63,	60 00
Sanford Bolles, from Feb. 23, '63, to July 8, '63,	54 00
Daniel E. Woodward, fr. Feb. 23, '63, to July 23, '63,	60 00
David W. Hill, from Feb. 23, '63, to July 23, '63,	40 00
Leonard Lyman, from Feb. 23, '63, to July 23, '63,	60 00
Roswell O. Aldrich, from Feb. 23, '63, to July 23, '63,	56 00
Sanford Wilbur, from Feb. 23, '63, to July 23, '63,	20 67

 \$3,789 04

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID SINCE LAST REPORT.

Savings Bank, Keene, Note and Interest,	\$1,424 73
George W. Abbott, indorsed on Note,	500 00
Savings Bank, Keene, Interest to July 1, 1863,	270 00
E. Howes, Interest one year,	84 00
R. Whitcomb, Interest one year,	28 32
A. & J. Holbrook, Interest one year,	45 00
Lewis Campbell, Interest one year,	23 34
John Stratton, Interest,	10 89
Lyman N. Howes, Note and Interest,	104 25
Henry Starkey, Note and Interest,	304 80
Clark Dodge, interest on J. Hammond note,	18 00
Nathan Winch, new Note including interest,	1,562 50
Franklin C. Whitcomb, Note including Interest,	157 50
Jonathan D. Ware, Interest on note one year,	21 00

Alvan Starkey, Interest on note one year,	200 00
Adams Kingsbury, Interest on note one year,	25 42
Savings Bank, Keene, Interest on notes, to Jan. 1, '64,	270 00
	<hr/> \$5,049 75

SUPPORT OF POOR.

J. W. Starkey, for the year ending Jan. 1, 1864,	\$790 00
Asylum for the Insane at Concord, for the support of Sarah Dickinson,	122 35
Asylum for the Insane, for the support of A. J. Underwood,	161 05
House of Reformation for the support of Jacob Stephenson,	56 58
	<hr/> \$1,129 98

INCIDENTALS.

Public Watering Places, six in number,	\$18 00
Blank Books, Stationery, Postage and Revenue Stamps,	7 98
John B. Fisher, damage sustained by reason of a defect in the highway near Slate Bridge,	15 00
B. F. Lombard, for costs in the Rogers Law-suit,	240 81
Charles F. Woodward, damage sustained by breaking through bridge in Dist. 4,	8 00
Express on package from Concord,	2 00
N. Hunt, Painting 3 Guide Boards,	2 00
E. O. Whitcomb, Damage to Colt by defect in road,	5 00
J. Parsons, Making 3 Guide Boards,	1 00
O. Frink, damage by water on account of depot road, at Westport,	5 00
H. Kimball, for Printing 470 copies of Town Report for 1862,	20 00
Wood for Town House,	1 50
Non-resident Highway Tax,	29 87
Abatement of Taxes for 1862,	20 12
Discount on Taxes for 1863,	11 29
In the hands of W. C. Belding, Collector for 1862,	4 97
J. Parsons, Cash paid out in Recruiting Services,	43 58
Amos Bailey, Tolling Bell, 1862,	10 00
Lowell Hammond, Tolling Bell, 1862,	11 50
	<hr/> \$457 62

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

In the Treasury at the close of Report for 1862,	\$1,581 72
Borrowed since Report for 1862,	15,073 00
Whole amount of Money Taxes assessed for this year, including non-resident Highway Tax,	7,963 70
Wm. C. Belding, Collector for 1862,	126 89
Balance of Tax for 1861,	41 57
State R. R. Appropriation,	54 97
State Literary Fund,	126 09
State Aid for Soldiers' Families,	3,480 21
Sale of Old Slate Bridge,	16 50
Sale of Old Bridge Plank,	1 50
Sale of Grass in Cemetery,	8 00
County Support of A. J. Underwood,	124 04
	<hr/> \$28,597 19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Town Officers, as above shown,	\$719 61
Roads and Bridges,	1,301 53
Support of Schools,	1,286 75
School House Tax in Dist. No. 11,	242 55
Uncollected in said District,	2 92
Town Bounties to drafted soldiers or their substi- tutes,	2,700 00
Town Bounties to Volunteers, under call of Oct. 17, 1863, —	7,995 00
Aid to Soldiers' Families,	3,789 04
Notes and Interest,	5,049 75
Support of Poor,	1,129 98
Incidentals,	457 62
State Tax,	1,482 30
County Tax,	1,133 12
Remaining in Collector's hands,	416 06
Remaining in Treasurer's hands,	890 96
	<hr/> \$28,597 19

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Dec. 3, 1861.	Note at Savings Bank, Keene, Interest paid to Jan. 1, 1864,	\$1,000 00
Sept. 24, '62.	Note at Savings Bank, Keene, Interest paid to Jan. 1, 1864,	6,000 00
Nov. 3, 1862.	Note at Savings Bank, Keene, Interest paid to Jan. 1, 1864,	2,000 00
	Note John Stratton,	90 00
Dec., 1860.	" Roswell Whitcomb, Interest paid to December, 1863,	474 00
Sept. 10, '62.	Note Hiram Whitcomb, int. not paid,	407 00
	2 Notes J. W. Starkey, int. not paid, amounting to	800 00
Dec. 1, 1863.	Note Nathan Winch, int. not paid,	1562 50
Nov. 1, 1863.	" E. Howes, " " "	1400 00
Oct., 1862.	A. & J. Holbrook, int. paid 1 year,	750 00
Jan. 1, 1864.	Note Lewis Campbell,	500 00
" " "	" A. Kingsbury,	500 00
" 1863.	" Almira Hews, int. not paid,	60 00
Nov. 15, '63.	" F. C. Whitcomb, " " "	157 50
Jan. 24, '63.	" J. D. Ware, int. paid 1 year,	350 00
Jan. 24, '63.	" J. Hammond, now held by C. Dodge, int. paid 1 year,	300 00
Jan. 26, '63.	Note Alvan Starkey, int. paid 1 year,	4,000 00
Feb. 11, '63.	" Demerit Stone, int. not paid,	80 00
Mar. 3, 1863.	" Nancy M. Leach, " " "	225 00
Apr. 1, " "	" John Withington, " " "	130 00
Apr. 11, " "	" Mrs. Wm. H. Knight, interest not paid,	200 00
Apr. 16, '63.	Note Geo. W. Abbott, int. not paid,	1,300 00
Apr. 21, '63.	" Luke Ellor, " " "	200 00
May 8, 1863.	" " " " " "	300 00
Oct., 1863.	" Alcista Bryant, " " "	116 00
" " "	" Luke Ellor, " " "	107 00
Nov. 30, '63.	" Laura Holbrook, " " "	500 00
Dec. 16, '63.	" John Stratton, " " "	300 00
Dec. 30, '63.	" Almira Sawyer, " " "	75 00
Dec. 29, '63.	" Savings Bank, Keene, interest not paid,	2,000 00

Dec. 29, '63. Note Benj. Pierce, payable at Ash- uelot Bank,	4,000 00
Jan. 2, 1864. Note Benj. Pierce, payable at Ash- uelot Bank,	3,000 00
Estimated due Town Officers for 1863,	600 00
Estimated Interest due on the above notes,	250 00
	<hr/> \$33,734 00

ASSETS.

Due from the State for Aid to Soldier's Families,	\$2,769 83
Due from County for Support of A. J. Underwood,	91 10
Due from the State, Bounties and Recruiting	
Fees for 17 Soldiers,	1,643 00
Money in the Treasury,	829 96
Bartlett & Holbrook Note,	31 00
James Wilson Note,	30 00
Uncollected Taxes in the hands of J. G. Huntley,	
Collector for 1863,	416 06
	<hr/> \$5,810 95

CONCLUSION.

Total Amount of Liabilities,	\$33,734 00
Total Amount of Assets,	5,810 95

Leaving the Indebtedness of the Town at this date,
Feb. 17, 1864. \$27,923 05

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH PARSONS, } *Selectmen*
STEPHEN FAULKNER, } *of*
HENRY ABBOTT, } *Swanзей.*

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

That all our Citizens may understand the general condition of our Schools, and for the purpose of creating a deeper interest in the welfare of the young, as well as to answer the requirements of a very just law, the following Report is respectfully submitted.

Perhaps in no previous year have our Schools in the aggregate been more harmonious than during the year just passed. Our teachers as a body have been laborious and faithful, and, with very few exceptions, the results have been all we could reasonably expect.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

No. 1. It is pleasant to report two good schools in succession in this district. Miss Sarah R. Freeman teacher in the Summer, and Miss Cornelia M. Hubbard in the Winter. Both, in a quiet, unassuming, but decided manner, so managed as to secure the respect and confidence of the pupils, and to some extent the co-operation of the parents. The result was good order and great progress in the various branches of study. Especially was this the case in the Winter term.

No. 2. Miss Hattie A. Parker, teacher of the Summer term, and Alonzo A. Ware, of the Winter term. It was the aim of the teachers to give thorough instruction,—to

ask such practical questions in connection with the various recitations as would serve to develop thought, and prepare the pupils for the real duties of life. Most of the larger pupils labored with a zeal worthy of much commendation. Cases of tardiness were few, and absence without a good reason was very rare.

No. 3. Both terms of this little school were successfully taught by Miss Ellen M. Hills. This was her first attempt at school teaching. Her familiar illustrations and mode of questioning aside from books might well be imitated by older teachers. A little more energy on the part of both teacher and pupils would have added to the interest and prosperity of the school.

No. 4. This is emphatically a "rising school." The Summer term was well managed by Miss A. C. M. Herrick. She was accurate and systematic, and required her pupils to be the same. In the Winter Miss Hattie A. Parker was the teacher. With her accustomed faithfulness and zeal she infused the like spirit into her scholars, and the result was a school of a high order.

No. 5. Miss Flora E. Parker teacher of both terms. A very pretty school in the Summer, but not what could be desired in the Winter. The scholars present at the examination of the latter term acquitted themselves creditably; but most of the larger scholars were absent, having gradually dropped off during the term. There was evidently blame somewhere.

No. 6. Miss Emily R. Bailey has been the teacher of this school for many successive terms. She has succeeded in giving it an elevated position among the schools in this town. In point of scholarship, deportment, and all the essentials of a good school, it is probably second to no other of its size. During the Winter term, Miss Bailey, on account of sickness, was obliged to leave, and Miss M.

Lorette Eaton finished the term to the general satisfaction of all concerned.

No. 7. Summer. Taught by Miss Mary J. Lewis. A pretty good school, though a little looseness characterized the recitations. Order very good.

The Winter term, ^{taught by Miss} Frances A. Chase, was all that could be desired. The order was truly commendable and much progress was made in all the studies which had been attended to. The recitations were performed by the *scholars* and not, as is sometimes the case, by the *teacher*. The manner of reading deserves special remark. The tones were clear and distinct, the pronunciation and inflection good. It is a pleasure to listen to reading of this style.

No. 8. The reputation of this school has been well sustained during the year. Not a case of tardiness was reported in the summer, and a large per cent. of the pupils were not absent one half day during either term. The progress in the studies was very good. Miss Martha E. Gunn, teacher in the Summer, and Miss Julia B. Foster, in the Winter.

No. 9. Miss Lizzie S. Wright taught the Summer term. She is a good teacher but failed in this instance to secure that perfect order which is indispensable to the complete success of any school. A good degree of improvement was manifested—especially in the style of speaking. The dull and monotonous tones being exchanged for the more spirited and expressive. The Winter term was managed by Miss Mary S. Whitcomb, with good success.

No. 10. Both terms taught by Miss Ellen S. Keith. Kind and affectionate in her manner, she secured the good will and respect of her pupils, which prepared the way for the good order and marked advance in study which crowned her efforts.

No. 11. Summer. Taught quite successfully by Mrs.

Nancie M. Leach, a faithful and accomplished teacher.

The Winter term was conducted by Miss Abby M. Burrows with her usual energy and success. This teacher harbors no drones in her hive. Her pupils are impelled forward by her enthusiasm, mingled with kindness and love.

No. 12. This little school among the hills presented a good appearance. The deportment of the scholars, correct reading, readiness in defining words, and good progress in other branches showed that both teacher and pupils had been faithful to their trusts. Taught by Miss Augusta M. Snow. Only one term during the year.

No. 13. Summer Term. Taught by Miss Helen E. Buffum. Miss Buffum succeeded pretty well, but the effects of her kind and well directed efforts were somewhat neutralized by the insubordination of some of the larger boys. Such scholars little realize their unkindness to a faithful teacher, or the injury they inflict on a school, by refusing to co-operate in securing good order and regularity.

Winter Term. Taught by Miss Mary S. Whitcomb. As usual she succeeded well. The deportment of scholars was good, and the progress made in study very satisfactory.

GENERAL REMARKS.

During the last year 331 scholars attended School in the Summer and 425 in the Winter. Of this number only 4 in the Summer and 36 in the Winter were over 16 years of age. It is thought that generally our children are both sent to school and leave it at too early an age. At the age of 18 or 20 the mind is much more capable of grasping, retaining and applying scientific truth than it is earlier in life. If, as it is sometimes stated, more practical scholars left our school 30 and 40 years ago than at the

present time, a reason is found in the fact that ripper years were spent in the school-room, and maturer thought given to the subject of education.

In the Summer 146, and in the Winter 198 scholars nominally attended to writing, but an examination of the writing books shows that in a majority of schools but very little time or attention was given to this important art. This is perhaps well enough in our larger village schools, where the teacher's time is taxed to the utmost with other branches, and where, writing schools, as such, can be, and are frequently attended. But in most of our schools, more time and pains can and should be given to this subject. It should not be left to the pupil to write when and how he pleases, or not at all as suits his convenience, but system and regularity should be insisted on by the teacher.

If nothing is said about building new school-houses at present, we would urge the propriety of keeping neat and in good repair such as we have. Prudential committees are reminded that the financial and prudential affairs of the district are theirs to manage. Broken windows and doors, loose clapboards and shutters betray carelessness and mismanagement. Teachers should promptly report anything out of place, and committees should often examine the school-house and premises. Scholars should be taught to sacredly respect the property of the district, and consider it as criminal to injure it as they would the house and furniture of a neighbor. And all damage done by a scholar should be by him or his guardian promptly repaired.

It is hoped the time is not far distant when Districts No. 11 and No. 13 will re-unite and enjoy the advantages of a graded school. With the exception of some alteration in seats, it can be done with the present school-house conveniences. No teacher can do justice to 60 or

more scholars of *all ages* ; whereas, if properly classified as they might be in a graded school, that number could be well managed. Perhaps those districts might also be joined by No. 6. The subject is respectfully submitted for their consideration.

We have boasted of our common schools as being the glory of New England, but we have never prized them too highly. They should be nurtured and cared for liberally and willingly by all classes in the community. To the miser (if such we have) they return more in dollars and cents than what he grudgingly pays in taxes; to the patriot and philanthropist they are above price—they cannot be dispensed with. Let *all* our children be *educated* in the true sense of the word;—let the principles of piety and justice, love of country and humanity, and all virtues which are the ornament and support of human society; let these, as required by our statutes, be diligently impressed upon the minds of our youth, and a more powerful barrier will be erected for the preservation of our peaceful and republican institutions, and to shield us from the inroad of misrule, anarchy and ruin than fleets and armies afford.

ALONZO A. WARE,
Superintending Committee.

TABLE I.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICTS,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Length of School in weeks,	10	11 ³ / ₄	8	8	10	10	8	8	9	10	10		8
Whole number of pupils,	23	52	8	16	26	12	42	20	33	24	50		35
Males,	8	27	3	9	9	5	18	8	18	9	30		14
Females,	15	25	5	7	17	7	24	12	15	15	20		21
Average attendance,	20	48	6	14 ¹ / ₂	20	10	35 ¹ / ₂	18 ³ / ₄	29	20 ¹ / ₂	41		31
Number of pupils over 16 years,	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0		1
Number of pupils under 16 years,	23	52	8	16	25	12	41	19	33	24	50		34
Number of tardy marks,	21	12	5	4	25	3	16	0	27	18	37		91
Number not tardy,	13	40	7	14	19	10	26	20	19	17	29		8
Number not absent half day,	0	13	2	6	0	13	4	8	10	2	5		14
Whole number of visits,	34	103	12	25	75	31	32	38	28	29	80		32
Visits by Superintending School Committee,	3	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	2		2
Visits by Prudential Committee,	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	0		1
Wages of teacher per month, including board,	\$14.00	18.00	12.00	12.00	16.00	14.00	13.30	14.50	12.00	16.00	21.00		20.00

TABLE II.

WINTER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICTS,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Length of School in weeks,	10	97-11	13	10	12	11	8	10	10	10	10	13	12
Whole number of pupils,	28	59	16	24	28	20	46	24	38	38	64	5	35
Males,	13	39	9	16	16	10	25	12	21	20	35	4	15
Females,	15	20	7	8	12	10	21	12	17	18	29	1	20
Average attendance,	24	53½	9½	20½	20½	18½	41	20½	31½	31	53	4½	25½
Number of pupils over 16 years,	2	5	0	3	5	2	4	1	4	6	3	0	1
Number of pupils under 16 years,	26	54	16	21	23	18	42	23	34	32	61	5	34
Number of tardy marks,	32	16	5	14	29	4	17	20	14	20	29	6	27
Number not tardy,	8	46	14	19	18	18	34	19	29	21	52	2	19
Number not absent half day,	8	10	1	6	0	12	9	10	5	3	6	0	0
Whole number of visits,	44	47	17	53	22	35	34	15	43	32	95	21	55
Visits by Superintending School Committee,	3	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	3
Visits by Prudential Committee,	1	1	1	1	3	2	0	2	2	0	0	1	1
Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$12.0	10	00 14 00	16 00 22 00	16 00 22 00	16 00 21 00	16 00 21 00	16 00 21 00	13 50 26 00	33 00 12 0 22 0				

TABLE III.

DISTS.	Prudential Committee.	SUMMER SCHOOLS.		WINTER SCHOOLS.	
		Teachers.	Residence.	Teachers.	Residence.
No. 1.	A. C. Hemenway.	Miss Sarah R. Freeman,	Keene.	Miss Cornelia M. Hubbard,	Royalston, Mass.
No. 2.	Luther S. Lane.	Miss Hattie A. Parker,	Swanzy.	Mr. Alonzo A. Ware,	Swanzy.
No. 3.	Albert G. Read.	Miss Ellen M. Hills,	Keene.	Miss Ellen M. Hills,	Keene.
No. 4.	Leander Page.	Miss A. C. M. Herrick,	Chesterfield.	Miss Hattie A. Parker,	Swanzy.
No. 5.	George H. Moore.	Miss Flora E. Parker,	Dublin.	Miss Flora E. Parker,	Dublin.
No. 6.	Clark Bailey.	Miss Emily R. Bailey,	Swanzy.	Miss Emily R. Bailey,	Swanzy.
No. 7.	George W. Faulkner.	Miss Mary S. Lewis,	Chesterfield.	Miss M. Lorette Eaton,	West Swanzy.
No. 8.	John H. Sparhawk.	Miss Martha E. Gunn,	Gilsum.	Miss Frances A. Chase,	Keene.
No. 9.	Chiron Holbrook.	Miss Lizzie J. Wright,	Marlboro', Mass.	Miss Julia B. Foster,	West Swanzy.
No. 10.	William C. Belding.	Miss Ellen S. Keith,	Sullivan.	Miss Mary S. Whitcomb,	West Swanzy.
No. 11.	Obad M. Holton.	Mrs. Nannie M. Leach,	Swanzy.	Miss Ellen S. Keith,	Sullivan.
No. 12.	Jona. Jackson.	Miss Helen E. Buffum,	West Swanzy.	Miss Abby M. Barrows,	Bernardston, Mass.
No. 13.	Henry Starkey, Jr.			Miss Augusta M. Snow,	West Swanzy.
				Miss Mary S. Whitcomb,	West Swanzy.

TABLE IV.

DISTRICTS.	Number of Scholars.	Amount to each District.	Amount to each Scholar.
No. 1.	31	\$88 19	\$2 84
No. 2.	65	152 28	2 34
No. 3.	17	69 75	4 10
No. 4.	25	68 44	2 73
No. 5.	35	120 54	3 44
No. 6.	20	64 06	3 20
No. 7.	49	85 10	1 73
No. 8.	26	86 24	3 31
No. 9.	39	84 02	2 15
No. 10.	39	129 29	3 31
No. 11.	69	176 55	2 55
No. 12.	5	44 03	8 80
No. 13.	47	118 26	2 51
	467	\$1,286 75	\$2 75

Raised by Taxation,
Literary Fund,

\$1,156 07
130 68

Total,

\$1,286 75

Divided by giving each District \$15 00, and the
remainder according to the valuation.

